

1 **Amendment to the Claims**

2 **In the Claims:**

3 Please amend Claims 1 and 6 – 32, as follows:

4 1. (Currently Amended) A method for utilizing personal information to customize an
5 application program, comprising the steps of:

6 receiving personal information from a user corresponding to a unique user
7 identity, wherein the personal information includes at least one of the user's:

8 surname;

9 given name;

10 address;

11 set of initials;

12 telephone number; and

13 firm name;

14 creating a user record for each unique user identity including the personal information;
15 storing multiple user records with personal information that corresponds to a plurality
16 of unique user identities, each of the user records being accessible by a plurality of application
17 programs; and

18 upon identifying the unique user identity applicable to execution of an application
19 program that is included in the plurality of application programs, sharing the personal information
20 corresponding with the unique user identity with the application program, wherein the personal
21 information is applied to an output of the application program.

22 2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
23 in response to receiving new personal information corresponding to the unique user identity,
24 retrieving the user record including the personal information;
25 modifying the user record including the personal information with the new personal
26 information; and
27 sharing the new personal information with the application program, wherein the new
28 personal information is applied to an output of the application program.

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1 3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
2 in response to receiving new personal information corresponding to a new unique user
3 identity,
4 creating a user record including the new personal information corresponding to the
5 new unique user identity; and
6 sharing the new personal information corresponding to the new unique user identity
7 with the application program, wherein the new personal information corresponding to the new unique
8 user identity is applied to an output of the application program.

9 4. (Original) The method of Claim 3, further comprising the steps of:
10 in response to receiving a change in user identity,
11 retrieving the user record corresponding to the changed user identity; and
12 sharing personal information associated with the user record corresponding to the
13 changed user identity with the application program, wherein the personal information associated with
14 the user record corresponding to the changed user identity is applied to an output of the application
15 program.

16 5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of storing the user record in
17 a framework identity database.

18 6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 5, wherein the step of receiving personal
19 information further comprises; the step of sending the personal information to a shared code library
20 for ~~one or more~~ the plurality of application programs, wherein the shared code library sends the
21 personal information to the framework identity database.

22 7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of receiving personal
23 information corresponding to a unique user identity further comprises the step of receiving the
24 personal information through a user interface.

25 8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of receiving personal
26 information corresponding to a unique user identity further comprises the step of receiving one of
27 ~~new or~~ and previously stored personal information from one of a computer ~~or~~ and a network.

28 9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of sharing the personal
29 information with the application program further comprises the step of customizing an output of the
30 application program using the personal information.

1 10. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein the user interface ~~consists of~~
2 comprises at least one of ~~the following group~~: a graphical user interface, a mouse, a keyboard, a
3 touch-sensitive display screen, and a voice recognition interface.

4 11. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the personal information
5 ~~consists of~~ comprises at least one of ~~the following group~~: a user name, an address, a telephone
6 number, a picture, a speech pattern, a preference, ~~or~~ and a list.

7 12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the personal information
8 ~~consists of~~ at least one of ~~the following group~~: a dictionary, an auto-correct list, a menu option, a
9 dialog layout, a dictionary setting, a grammar setting, a help list, ~~or~~ and a user preference list.

10 13. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the output ~~consists of~~ at least one
11 of ~~the following group~~: a document, a template, a wizard, a command, a tab, a preference, ~~or~~ and a
12 feature.

13 14. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the application program
14 ~~consists of~~ at least one of ~~the following group~~: a word processor, an electronic spreadsheet, a
15 graphical presentation program, an electronic personal information manager, ~~or~~ and an electronic
16 mail program.

17 15. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the application program
18 comprises a plurality of ~~application programs~~ modules.

19 16. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of receiving personal
20 information ~~further~~ comprises the step of receiving personal information from a second application
21 program.

22 17. (Currently Amended) A computer system for utilizing personal information to customize
23 an application program comprising:

24 a memory for storing an application program, machine instructions, and a framework identity
25 database; and

26 a ~~processing unit~~ processor functionally coupled to the memory, for executing
27 ~~computer-executable~~ the machine instructions and in response thereto, being operable for:

28 receiving personal information from a user corresponding to a unique user
29 identity, wherein the personal information includes at least one of the user's:

30 surname;

1 given name;
2 address;
3 set of initials;
4 telephone number; and
5 firm name;
6 creating a user record for each unique user identity including the personal information;
7 storing multiple user records with personal information that corresponds to a plurality
8 of unique user identities, each of the user records being accessible by a plurality of application
9 programs; and
10 upon identifying the unique user identity applicable to execution of an application
11 program included in the plurality of application programs, sharing the personal information
12 corresponding with the unique user identity with the application program, wherein the personal
13 information is applied to an output of the application program.
14 18. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 14 17, wherein the machine
15 instructions further comprising the steps of cause the processor to:
16 in response to receiving new personal information corresponding to the unique user identity,
17 ~~retrieving~~ retrieve the user record including the personal information;
18 ~~modifying~~ modify the user record including the personal information with the new
19 personal information; and
20 ~~sharing~~ share the new personal information with the application program, wherein the
21 new personal information is applied to an output of the application program.
22 19. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the machine
23 instructions further comprising the steps of cause the processor to:
24 in response to receiving new personal information corresponding to a new unique user
25 identity,
26 ~~creating~~ create a user record including the new personal information corresponding to
27 the new unique user identity; and
28 ~~sharing~~ share the new personal information corresponding to the new unique user
29 identity with the application program, wherein the new personal information corresponding to the
30 new unique user identity is applied to an output of the application program.

1 20. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 19, wherein the machine
2 instructions further comprising the steps of cause the processor to:

3 in response to receiving a change in user identity,

4 ~~retrieving~~ retrieve the user record corresponding to the changed user identity; and

5 ~~sharing~~ share personal information associated with the user record corresponding to
6 the changed user identity with the application program, wherein the personal information associated
7 with the user record corresponding to the changed user identity is applied to an output of the
8 application program.

9 21. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the machine
10 instructions further comprising the step of storing cause the processor to store the user record in a the
11 framework identity database.

12 22. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 21, wherein the ~~step of receiving~~
13 ~~personal information machine instructions further comprises, sending~~ cause the processor to send the
14 personal information to a shared code library for ~~one or more~~ the plurality of application programs,
15 wherein the shared code library sends the personal information to the framework identity database.

16 23. (Currently Amended) The computer system method of Claim 17, wherein the ~~step of~~
17 ~~receiving~~ personal information corresponding to a the unique user identity is received ~~further~~
18 ~~comprises receiving the personal information through a user interface.~~

19 24. (Currently Amended) The computer system method of Claim 17, wherein the ~~step of~~
20 ~~receiving~~ personal information corresponding to a the unique user identity ~~further comprises~~
21 ~~receiving~~ is received as one of new ~~or~~ and previously stored personal information from one of a
22 computer ~~or~~ and a network.

23 25. (Currently Amended) The computer system method of Claim 17, wherein the ~~step of~~
24 ~~sharing the personal information with the application program~~ the machine instructions further
25 ~~comprises customizing~~ cause the processor to customize an output of the application program using
26 the personal information.

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1 26. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 17, ~~wherein the~~ further comprising
2 a user interface ~~consists of comprising~~ at least one of ~~the following group~~: a graphical user interface,
3 a mouse, a keyboard, a touch-sensitive display screen, and a voice recognition interface.

4 27. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the personal
5 information ~~consists of comprises~~ at least one of ~~the following group~~: a user name, an address, a
6 telephone number, a picture, a speech pattern, a preference, ~~or~~ and a list.

7 28. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the personal
8 information ~~consists of comprises~~ at least one of ~~the following group~~: a dictionary, an auto-correct
9 list, a menu option, a dialog layout, a dictionary setting, ~~or~~ a grammar setting, a help list, ~~or~~ and a
10 user preference list.

11 29. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the output ~~consists of~~
12 comprises at least one of ~~the following group~~: a document, a template, a wizard, a command, a tab, a
13 preference, ~~or~~ and a feature.

14 30. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the application
15 program ~~consists of comprises~~ at least one of ~~the following group~~: a word processor, an electronic
16 spreadsheet, a graphical presentation program, an electronic personal information manager, ~~or~~ and an
17 electronic mail program.

18 31. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the application
19 program comprises a plurality of ~~application programs~~ modules.

20 32. (Currently Amended) The computer system method of Claim 17, wherein ~~the step of~~
21 ~~receiving personal information further comprises receiving~~ personal information is received from a
22 second application program.